

Parents: What to Tell Trick-Or-Treaters:

- ◆ Be back home at XX:00 p.m. (Set a time limit for your children to "trick-or-treat." Also designate a specific route for them to take.)
- ◆ Never trick-or-treat alone. Go with at least two friends for the entire evening
- ◆ Carry a flashlight and use it so drivers can see you and you can see hazards in the street as well as other people
- ◆ Do not accept rides from strangers
- ◆ Do not go inside anyone's home. Remain on the porch/ front door stoop at all times
- ◆ Do not eat any candy until they arrive back at home
- ◆ If they find themselves in danger or do not feel safe, find the nearest police officer or yell for help
- ◆ If they feel like they are in a bad situation, they probably are; tell them to get out of it as soon as possible

Halloween Safety Tips for Kids and Parents



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A Message from
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Tim Cruz:

The season of autumn has arrived. Our children are back to school, and Halloween is fast approaching. As our children think about what costume they want to wear, we as parents must think about ways in which to protect them and keep them safe.

I have developed this brochure to aid in this protection. It offers some important safety tips for children and parents to promote a safe and enjoyable night.

My best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Cruz".

Timothy J. Cruz
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Safety Tips for Kids

- * Carry a flashlight
- * Walk, don't run; stay on sidewalks
- * Obey traffic signals
- * Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- * Don't cut across yards or driveways
- * Wear a watch you can read in the dark
- * Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground
- * Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house
- * Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props
- * (If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- * Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape
- * Approach only houses that are lit
- * Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know

For this information and more visit <http://www.sosnet.com/safety/halloween.tip.html>

Safety Tips for Parents

- * Make your child eat dinner before setting out
- * Children should carry quarters so they can call home
- * Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult
- * If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark.
- * If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material
- * Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home
- * You should know where they're going
- * Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything
- * Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect

